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SUBJECT: FINANCIAL PROBLEMS OF "CHRIST IS THE

ANSWER" TOURING GROUP

1. AUSTRIAN BORDER AUTHORITIES AT PASSAU, FRG BARRED  
ENTRY SEP 22 120-MEMBER EVANGELISTIC TOUR GROUP  
"CHRIST IS THE ANSWER" PENDING CLARIFICATION  
FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PROJECTED THREE-WEEK STAY AUSTRIA.

2. GROUP, CONSISTING 70-75 AMERICANS AND OTHER ASSORTED  
NATIONALITIES (FINNS, SWedes, DUTCH) TRAVELING IN 10-12  
VEHICLE PROCESSION OF FLAT-BED TRUCKS, ASSORTED BUSSES  
AND OTHER VEHICLES, SOUGHT EMBASSY ASSISTANCE  
FACILITATE ENTRY.

3. AUSTRIANS, UPON LEARNING GROUP'S MAINTENANCE AND  
OTHER LOGISTICAL EXPENSES COVERED EXCLUSIVELY FROM FUNDS  
RAISED BY COLLECTIONS, ETC. BECAME CONCERNED LEST GROUP  
ADD TO BURDEN AUSTRIAN WELFARE PROGRAM SINCE PANHANDLING  
IS CONSIDERED ILLEGAL.

4. LACK OF SPONSORSHIP ORGANIZATION WHICH COULD UNDER-  
WRITE EXPENSES AS REQUIRED IS MAJOR PROBLEM.

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5. EMBASSY EXPRESSED PERSONAL INTEREST OF AMBASSADOR

BUT REFRAINED FROM ASSUMING GROUP'S FINANCIAL  
RESPONSIBILITY.

6. FOLLOWING EXTENDED DIALOGUE BETWEEN EMBASSY,  
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, AND DOUG LAYTON, GROUP LEADER,  
THE FIGURE OF 300,000 AS (\$16,000) HAS BEEN REQUESTED  
AS NECESSARY GUARANTEE. LETTER OF COMMITMENT FROM  
LOCAL SOURCES ACCEPTABLE IN INTERIM PROVIDING FUNDS  
ORIGINATING US OR ELSEWHERE CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE, IF  
REQUIRED. LAYTON ATTEMPTING LOCATE INDIVIDUAL/ORGANIZATION  
WILLING MAKE NECESSARY COMMITMENT. MEANWHILE GROUP  
HELD AT BORDER.

7. ENTRY PERMISSION TO BE TELEPHONED FROM MIN. OF INTERIOR  
WHEN LETTER RECEIVED.

8. SENATOR HUGHES AND OFFICE CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM  
WHITEHURST INTERESTED. HUMES

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